

Examples of Regional Governance

	Metro (Portland, OR)	Translink (Vancouver, BC)	SANDAG (San Diego, CA)	Valley Metro (Phoenix, AZ)	Puget Sound (currently)
Region Description	Urbanized Areas of Tri-County Area	Broad Region Around Vancouver	San Diego County	Urbanized Areas (+) of Maricopa	Three- or four-county area or urbanized areas
Population	1.3 Million (2005)	2.1 Million (2005)	3.0 Million (2005)	3.0 Million (2005)	3.1 Million (2006, Urbanized)
Size	462 Sq. Miles	1,110 Sq. Miles	4,261 Sq. Miles	266 Sq. Miles (bus service area)	1,086 Sq. Miles (Urbanized)
Roads Authority	Planning and administration of fed/state grants	Plans, funds, builds and operates regional roads	Planning only (not funding, construction, or operations)	None	PSRC, WSDOT, counties & cities
Transit Authority	Minimal planning functions	Plans, funds, builds, and operates transit.	Plans, funds, and builds (no operations or maintenance)	Plans, funds, builds and operates	5 Transit agencies
Other Regional Authority	Extensive land use planning, provides parks, operates civic facilities, and solid waste/recycling.	Cooperates with land use planning agencies.	Land Use Planning (MPO), Housing and Economic Development, Data Clearinghouse.	None	PSRC: growth mgmt, econ development
Board Appointed/Elected	Unique elected board.	Municipal leaders appointed by regional agency	Appointed board of municipal leaders from 19 districts; majority and weighted majority voting.	Appointed board of municipal leaders.	PSRC, ST, RTID: appointed boards of municipal leaders
Membership Mandatory	Membership required by statute, strong authority over local jurisdictions	Authority granted by provincial parliament.	Originated as a voluntary coalition of local governments.	Required by statute to coordinate on planning with MPO.	PSRC: voluntary membership, consultation in planning, not approval
Project Prioritization Procedure	Local municipalities nominate projects, Metro prioritizes projects that meet regional/state goals.	Translink prioritizes projects, currently hampered by lack of provincial funds.	Transportation Committee advises on prioritization according to regional plan.	Adheres to regional transportation plan developed by MPO.	Regional plan guides local and state project selection, but does not control.
Funding Equity	Revenue-sharing and area equity are considerations in the prioritization process.	No explicit revenue-sharing or area equity provisions.	Some funds distributed based on a population formula, while others are based on regional priorities.	No explicit revenue-sharing or area equity provisions, but the authorizing vote spread out projects.	ST: sub-area equity provisions (funds are spent where they are collected)